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York City, to consider the question of the dissemination of mosquitoes. Governor Murphy, of New Jersey, has been invited to preside, and addresses are expected from Dr. L. O. Howard and others.

It is said that a project for the establishment of a Behring Institute, after the model of the Pasteur Institute in Paris, is under consideration by the German Government. The primary objects of the new institute are to be the furtherance of research in the domain of serum therapy and the accurate preparation of serums of all kinds.

*Nature*, for November 26, gives the first place to the following note.

A rumor has reached us that at the annual meeting of the Royal Society on Monday next an attempt is to be made by a certain section of the fellows to upset the selection of officers made last week by the council. It appears that the physiologists are under the belief that they have acquired a prescriptive right to hold one of the two secretaryships. It is true that for upwards of forty years they have so held it, but the group of natural sciences includes more than physiology or even biology, and the council, in the exercise of its discretion, has thought that it was high time that one of the other sciences should be represented in this secretaryship. We are further informed that a copy of a letter is being circulated which appears to convey an invitation from the president and council to a certain physiologist to accept the vacant office. That letter was, it is stated, written in error, without the sanction or knowledge of the president and council, but in view of it a special meeting was called to consider the matter, when the council decided to adhere to the decision at which they had already arrived in the ordinary and regular way—a decision which is obviously in the best interests of the Royal Society as a whole, and doubtless the great majority of the fellows will support it by their votes on Monday.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

GENERAL F. M. DRAKE, of Des Moines, has bequeathed \$50,000 to Drake University.

THE fund left by Mr. Lewis Elkin for annuities for women teachers of the public schools of Philadelphia, is said to amount to \$1,800,000.

A DONOR who wishes to remain anonymous has given, through Professor Sterling, £50,000

to University College, London, to be used for the promotion of higher scientific education and research.

OTTAWA UNIVERSITY, a Roman Catholic institution, was destroyed by fire on December 2. The loss is said to be at least \$200,000, most of which is covered by insurance. Three of the priests were seriously injured. The main building of Jewell Lutheran College in Iowa has also been destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$25,000, one half being covered by insurance. One of the students was killed.

THE Rev. George Morgan Ward has been elected president of Wells College, Aurora, N. Y.

DR. C. H. JUDD has been made acting director of the Yale Psychological Laboratory for the present year. At the same time an advisory committee on the laboratory has been appointed consisting of Professors Ladd, Duncan and Sneath.

DR. JAMES E. LOUGH, professor of psychology of the School of Pedagogy of New York University, has been appointed director of the summer school.

DR. HORACE CLARK RICHARDS, instructor in physics in the University of Pennsylvania, has been made assistant professor of physics.

At a meeting of the electors to the Wilde readership in mental philosophy, held on November 19, at Oxford, Mr. William McDougall, M.A., M.B., fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, and reader in experimental psychology at University College, London, was elected reader in place of Mr. Stout, recently elected professor of logic and metaphysics in the University of St. Andrews. Mr. McDougall took the degree of B.Sc. with first-class honors in geology at Victoria University; he afterwards gained first-class honors in physiology and anatomy in both parts of the Natural Science Tripos at Cambridge.

MR. REINHOLD F. A. HOERNLÉ, B.A., Balliol College, has been elected to the John Locke scholarship in mental philosophy.

MR. W. M. FLETCHER, of Trinity College, Cambridge, has been appointed demonstrator of physiology.